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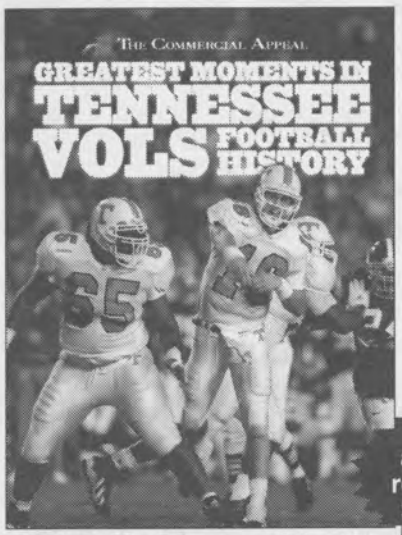

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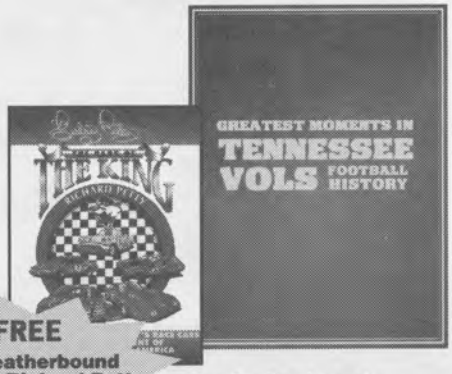

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A Mountain Top Experience

The hiker had told me the weather was pretty rough up the trail where he had just traveled with his friend. They had pitched a tent there above the tree line and were settling down for the night. The unpredictable weather was typical for a late summer afternoon in the Rocky Mountains, with clouds rotating up onto the Continental Divide Trail and then being sucked down again along the rocky slopes. It was no place for an inexperienced hiker to be by himself.

I had hiked already about six miles along the trail with an elevation change more severe than any I had experienced before with a large backpack. With these things in mind, I had to make an important decision on whether to try Devil's Pass or turn around and retreat to a campsite.

Many things flashed before my eyes, but most noticeably the strange weather moving around the rock formation - Devil's Thumb, which appropriately named the pass in front of me. The decision was made, "I'm going for the mountain top." I set my mind and focused on one step at a time. The hour of hiking was grueling as I climbed the switchbacks and followed the caroms (piles of rocks) over the pass in the cloudy mist. What awaited me on the other side of the pass was a view so spectacular all the miles before were forgotten. Even the 2,500 feet change of elevation I had just hiked, skipped away.

Before me the clouds were gone and the sun shown from the West up the expanse of valley before me. The Indian Peak Wilderness was an awesome sight at 12,000 feet. The short alpine grass was complete with an assortment of small colorful flowers. There was a sea of trees flowing up into the valleys to meet the steep mountains before them. The sky boasted its blue color to the south in front of me. No one was in sight as all the glory of this magnificent creation was unveiled right before my eyes in a matter of seconds. This was the highlight of my summer in Colorado and my internship with the Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife and Fisheries.

As a student-athlete, summers are sometimes built around your sport or relaxing from the intense semester of dual responsibility. My summer internship has given me a new vision for my future career. I have only dreamed of the new doors an experience like this opened.

My major is Wildlife Management and Fisheries and working with the agency in Hot Sulphur Springs has supplied much needed answers to the questions about the profession I needed answered to be successful in the work force.

Just as I have learned professionalism while throwing javelin for the track team. I have learned about giving the best you have all the time and to focus on the prize by avoiding meaningless distraction. I have learned how to depend on God as the source of my success even when the mountains get steep.

In Colorado, I had chances to track moose, enforce boating laws and work with district wildlife managers. This last summer will greatly aid in my transition from student-athlete to career professional. As a fellow student-athlete of yours, I would highly suggest an internship for your summer so you might be successful beyond your years at college and at your competitive sport.

Chris Morland (Wildlife Management & Fisheries Major)
UT Track Student-Athlete / Javelin

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A Look at the Vols...

Cedrick Wilson - Coming into His Own!

When the 1998 football season began one of the question marks on the Tennessee team was about the passing game.

Could Tee Martin become the quarterback everybody thought he could be? Could Peerless Price be a big play receiver? Would Jeremaine Copeland return the to team and still be a reliable receiver? And could Cedrick Wilson emerge as the Vols' third wideout?

After a 59-21 rout of Kentucky, the answer to all these questions was yes.

Nearly all doubts have been put aside, especially those concerning Wilson. In the victory over Kentucky, Wilson had four catches for 100 yards including a 55-yarder for the highlight reels.

Facing a third-and-21 situation at their own 45, the Vols were looking to make something happen.

Martin dropped back to pass but a was forced from the pocket. As he rolled to his right, the threw the ball downfield into the end zone. Wilson was there waiting for the bomb.

"It was a great throw by Tee Martin," Wilson said. "He had some pressure on him and was flushed out of the pocket. He did a wonderful job of scrambling out of the pocket. When he threw it, I knew it was good. I didn't think it would ever get there though. I thought I was going to get it and not let the defender knock it away. He gave me a chance and I came down with the football."

In a game that was billed as a shootout, the Vols were the only ones brandishing shotguns. Tennessee rolled up 466 yards of total offense and held the Wildcats to a season low of

Cedrick Wilson (14) has stepped up his role in the offense and last week against Kentucky he garnered his first 100-yard receiving effort with his four catches and one score (55 yards). John Karnes photo.

376. At one point during the game, Tennessee scored on eight consecutive possessions. Part of the reason for the Vol offensive success was the field position given to it by the defense. Kentucky gambled several times on fourth down, but the Vol defenders were there to make the stop. In turn, Tennessee had a short field in front of it.

"I was happy with our offense, but my hat's off to the defense for giving our offense opportunities," Wilson said. "Our defense was swarming, and we played great as a team. Our defense came out hot, and our offense was clicking. We thought this would be shootout, but our defense said no way. It was wonderful to watch our defense."

It may have been the Vols' complete game thus far.

"Our defense answered Kentucky's offense with stops and the offense answered with scores.," Wilson said. "Every time they went for it on fourth down and didn't make it, we felt like we had to make them pay for it. We played a complete game. It started with our defense, because it was able to keep Kentucky off the field."

Wilson is starting to become the complete receiver. During his freshmen season, he caught seven passes for 71 yards and two touchdowns. After the win over Kentucky, Wilson had grabbed 27 passes for 481 yards and five touchdowns.

Wilson emerged as a threat in the Vols 22-3 win over Georgia. He caught four passes for 64 yards and a touchdown. His touchdown catch was the start of the emergence of the passing game as well.

The Vols held a 9-3 halftime lead over the Bulldogs at halftime, but came out firing in the second half. They took the opening kickoff of the second half and moved down the 3-yard line. On third down, Wilson beat his defender to the front corner of the end zone and caught the Martin pass for a touchdown.

"Cedrick is very good against man coverage," Martin said. "I have confidence in him that he can make the catch. I put the ball where only he could catch it, and he caught it."

Tennessee followed that drive with another scoring drive to give the good guys a comfortable 18-point lead.

The Vols followed that victory with its fourth straight win over Alabama. The passing game was sharp again as Martin connected on 10 of 14 passes for 117 yards. Wilson hauled in six of those for 76 yards.

But the greatest passing attack in NCAA history occurred a week later in Columbia, S.C. Martin connected on 23 consecutive passes for 315 yards and four touchdowns. His only incompletion was the last pass he threw that day. For his part, Wilson caught three passes for 59 yards and a touchdown.

"Coming into the game, we (the receivers) thought we would be mostly blocking," Wilson said. "But that changed after the game started. We were amazed. We just kept passing, but we were happy. I feel like we're one of the top receiving corps in the country. We just wanted to prove it to everyone."

Wilson can appreciate what Martin faces as a quarterback. Wilson led Melrose High School to the Class AAA Tennessee state championship his senior year as the quarterback. During that season, he went completed 163 of 261 passes for 2963 yards and 41 touchdowns. He also rushed for 579 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was MVP of the state championship game after he completed eight of 26 passes for 276 passes. He also threw for five touchdowns which established a state championship game record.

That experience behind center has helped him as a wide receiver.

"We threw the ball every down in high school," Wilson said. "I know what I wanted my receivers to do and where they should be. Now, I try to be where Tee can see me. It is advantage to have been a quarterback and now a receiver."

When Wilson first arrived on campus, he was slotted in the quarterback position. He asked the coaches to move him to receiver.

"I felt I had too much athletic ability to sit," Wilson said. "I just wanted to get on the field some kind of way. I was recruited here as a quarterback, but I asked the coaches to make the switch. I was high on being the quarterback when I first came, but when I got here I wanted to be switched to receiver."

As Wilson has learned the position, the change has paid dividend for both him and Tennessee.

"I am maturing as a receiver," Wilson said. "Early on in the year, I don't think I was where I needed to be. I knew that and I tried to work hard to get there. The coaches are giving us the opportunity now to show what we can do by passing the ball. The coaches wanted to run the football early in the season, but now the coaches are giving us opportunities to catch the football and make big plays.

"We are still going to run the football. But we are throwing the ball downfield more now. We are not getting many balls, but we are getting big plays."

— Rob Hardin

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Vols 41, Vanderbilt 0... First Shutout Since 1995!

Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 28, 1998 (Game No. 1027, 688-286-53, .696)

Someone called it "General Neyland's Stadium West." They were right. Tennessee not only came to Nashville and dominated the game, winning 41-0, but their followers from all across the state also dominated the crowd, with a conservative estimate putting Orange and White-clad Vol fans at 65 to 70 percent of the crowd of 41,600 here today.

The day began with a tumultuous rally at Centennial Park for the "Kick-Off Call-In Show," preceding John Ward and Bill Anderson's last regular season game. Once inside, you almost searched the field for Orange and White checkerboards in the end zones and 106,000-plus in the stands. It was an impressive showing by the best fans you could find anywhere.

The Vols on the field were up to the task, putting a blanko job on the homestanding Commodores with a score every quarter just like clockwork.

From a 3-0 first quarter lead, there were 17 points in the second, seven in the third and 14 in the fourth.

There were two field goals by Jeff Hall (22 and 42 yards), a 67-yard pass from Tee Martin to Peerless Price that had to be seen to be believed (complete with a magic move by Peerless down the left boundary), three TD runs by the Travises (two by Henry and one by Stephens) and a TD run by Chris Ramseur (a move he practiced in last spring's Orange and White game), following a heavy hit by Eric Westmoreland, who was seemingly all over the field. He knocked a Vanderbilt receiver somewhere in the near vicinity of Dickson and definitely set a tempo for the second half.

"That was a big-time hit he made," defensive coordinator John Chavis said of Westmoreland's play that set up Ramseur for the score. "We only get one or two of those a year. We talked about setting the tempo the first five minutes of the half and I think we did that with Eric's hit."

Westmoreland, who played in three Clinic Bowls for Marion County on this field, looked back at his prep career.

"This is really sweet for me because this field is where my career started," he said.

The Vols thus finished 11-0 in the regular season, 8-0 in the SEC and undisputed Eastern Division champions. The Vols were in a near dead heat with Kansas State in the *USA Today*/ESPN poll, just ahead of No. 3 UCLA.

Roger Alexander puts the hit on Vanderbilt's Jared McGrath in Saturday's 41-0 win. Tennessee Sports Photography Photo.

There was one other poignant note: the name "Coach Cafego" was on the board in the Vol locker room in silent tribute to the late Tennessee tailback and coach who always, repeat always, took the Tennessee-Vanderbilt rivalry seriously. He would have been proud of today's effort.

These Vols took the rivalry seriously today. Vanderbilt never really threatened to score, moving as close as the Vol 28, but no closer. The Vols on defense held the Commodores to 174 yards total (91 rushing, 83 passing) and forced six turnovers, four picks and two fumble recoveries. All this with Al Wilson and Raynoch Thompson on the bench with injuries. It didn't matter.

The Vols had interceptions, one each by Deon Grant, Fred White, Dwayne Goodrich and Derrick Edmonds. Darwin Walker had a fumble recovery that put the Vols in position to score down at the south end. (We started to say the end where Vol fans were sitting, but that could have been either end).

Tennessee moved to a Hall field goal on its second possession. Then the onslaught began.

Price's TD pass from Tee Martin, who completed 13 of 20 passes for 241 yards, came after the Vols had to start on their 3 after a Vanderbilt punt was downed short of the Vol goal. Henry rushed for 23 on third-and-3 to put the ball at the 33 and T. Martin and Peerless did the rest.

Price grabbed the spheroid in the left flat and made a smooth move to find the acceleration lane and zoomed northward to the promised land 67 yards away.

Tennessee got it back two series later at the VU 48 and cashed it in in two plays. Henry ran left for 36 yards and nearly scored, and probably should have. He got the ball on the ensuing play and did score, moving in from the 12. It was 17-0 with 3:57 left.

Tennessee ran the short field to a field goal with 55 seconds left, sparked by a Grant interception at the VU 31. The fielder was good from 42 yards and made the halftime margin 20-0.

Tennessee extended the margin to 27-0 on the second play of the third quarter as Westmoreland blasted a VU receiver and Ramseur ran it in from the 12 for a score, after a prolonged debate amongst the officials.

The Vols continued to dominate the proceedings going into the fourth quarter. White grabbed an oskie at the Tennessee 25 and returned it to the VU 42. A play later, T. Martin found Cedrick Wilson for 18 to the VU 22 and a 5-yard facemask penalty was tacked on. T. Martin found Wilson for another 14 and finally Tee

found the end zone from a yard out, losing his helmet in the process, but scoring nonetheless.

A series later, Walker found a fumble, returning the prize to the VU 10 and the Vols cashed it in. Stephens rushed for 8, Martin for 1 and finally Stephens rolled over the top for the score.

All that was left was the obligatory Gatorade shower for head coach Phillip Fulmer and a celebration on the field. It was impressive, to say the least.

Never in Vol history have the Vols won 11 games in the regular season. They have now.

The Vols will play Mississippi State Saturday in the SEC Championship Game in Atlanta, looking to build on the foundation laid in the first 11 games.

"We're very flattered to be 11-0, but it's right back to work on Sunday," Walker, a tower of strength for the Vols up front all day, said. "I can't express how beautiful the shutout was. The only thing I can say about the fumble recovery is that I should have scored."

When asked about the fan support of Vol fans at the stadium just off West End Avenue, Walker said "I ran out before the game and saw all that orange and I thought, 'Man, are we at home or away?'"

GAME NOTES: Hall is now sixth on the NCAA career scoring list with 364 points... The Vols are 48-5 in their last 53 games and have won 19 consecutive regular season games... The Vols are 19-4 in their last 23 SEC road games... UT leads the series 61-26-5 (30-7-4 at Nashville) and has not lost to the Commodores since 1982... Price caught seven passes for 181 yards today, the yardage being a career high. He now has 141 catches for his career for 2201 yards. His 18 career touchdowns complete the trifecta of his assault on the record book. He is third in all categories. His season marks include 55 catches (sixth on Vol records), 823 yards (eighth overall) and nine scores (tied with many at second). Just for perspective, Johnny Mills holds the single game record of 225 yards, set in the 1966 Kentucky game... The Vols' last 41-point win was against Arkansas in 1996, a 55-14 count. The Vols' last shutout was in the 1995 Southern Mississippi game by a 42-0 count. The last shutout over Vanderbilt was the 65-0 game on this same field in 1994... The game was the last Vol-Commodore game played on the artificial surface, what with the Commodores going back to grass next season.

WEEKEND NOTES: The Lady Vol hoopsters defeated Texas 86-65 Saturday night in Austin. Chamique Holdsclaw had 18 points, Tamika Catchings 17 to pace the effort. It was the 11th straight Lady Vol victory over Texas... They are now 3-1, with a game slated this past Monday night at Louisiana Tech... Tennessee head swim coach John Trembley and his team were part of the 10th annual Kroger Haunted House fundraiser for Knoxville's Runaway Shelter and Project Safe Place and helped raise more than $6000 for the two organizations. Organizers said the swimmers' energy, hard work and enthusiasm made the event a success.

— Volunteers Magazine Staff

Division	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
EAST				
Tennessee	8	0	11	0
Florida	7	1	9	2
Georgia	6	2	8	3
Kentucky	4	4	7	4
Vanderbilt	1	7	2	9
S. Carolina	0	8	1	10
WEST				
Miss. St.	6	2	8	3
Arkansas	6	2	9	2
Alabama	4	4	7	4
Ole Miss	3	5	6	5
LSU	2	6	4	7
Auburn	1	7	3	8

SEC Scores: Mississippi State 28, Mississippi 6; Georgia Tech 21, Georgia 19; Arkansas 41, LSU 14.

Tennessee Statistics vs. Vanderbilt

Team Statistics	VU	TENN
First Downs	11	17
Rushing	7	8
Passing	4	9
Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	31	49
Yards Gained	120	211
Yards Lost	29	22
Net Yards Rushing	91	189
Net Yards Passing	83	241
Passes Attempted	31	20
Passes Completed	12	13
Had Intercepted	4	0
Total Offensive Plays	62	69
Total Net Yards	174	430
Fumbles-Lost	4/2	1/0
Int. Return/Yards	0/0	4/36
Penalties/Yards	4/20	5/48
3rd Down Conversions	5/15	7/17
4th Down Conversions	0/0	0/1
Punts/Average	8/40.3	6/38.2
Punt Returns/Yards	4/24	6/23
Kickoff Returns/Yards	2/50	1/17
Sacks By/Yards	1/3	1/12
Time of Possession	27:42	32:18

SCORE BY QUARTER

TENNESSEE	3	17	7	14 — 41
VANDERBILT	0	0	0	0 — 0

SCORING SUMMARY

1T - Hall, FG 22.
Drive: 11 plays, 90 yards, 3:49 possession, 6:56 on clock.
2T - Price, pass from T.Martin 67. Hall kick.
Drive: 5 plays, 97 yards, 1:57 possession, 9:08 on clock.
2T - Henry, run 12. Hall kick.
Drive: 2 plays, 48 yards, 0:37 possession, 3:57 on clock.
2T - Hall, FG 42.
Drive: 4 plays, 6 yards, 2:14 possession, 0:55 on clock.
3T - Ramseur, fumble recovery 12. Hall kick.
14:04 on clock.
4T - T. Martin, run 1. Hall kick.
Drive: 7 plays, 42 yards, 9:34 possession, 2:47 on clock.
4T - Stephens, run 1. Hall kick.
Drive: 3 plays, 10 yards, 1:30 possession, 6:34 on clock.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Henry	22	136	0	136	1	36
Stephens	14	43	5	38	1	8
T. Martin	9	23	11	12	1	14
Crosby	2	7	0	7	0	4
Bryson	1	2	0	2	0	2
Veazey	1	0	6	-6	0	0
Totals	**49**	**211**	**22**	**189**	**3**	**36**
VU	*31*	*120*	*29*	*91*	*0*	*23*

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
T. Martin	20	13	0	241	1	67
VU	*31*	*12*	*4*	*83*	*0*	*25*

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Price	7	181	1	67
C. Wilson	4	50	0	18
D. Martin	1	5	0	5
Bryson	1	5	0	5
Totals	**13**	**241**	**1**	**67**
VU	*12*	*83*	*0*	*25*

PUNTING

	No.	Yards.	Avg.	Long
Leaverton	6	229	38.2	51
VU	*8*	*322*	*40.3*	*48*

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
Copeland	5	26	5.2	0	15
Price	1	-3	-3	0	0
Totals	**6**	**23**	**3.8**	**0**	**15**
VU	*4*	*24*	*6.0*	*0*	*10*

KICKOFF RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
Edmonds	1	17	17.0	0	17
VU	*2*	*50*	*25.0*	*0*	*34*

FIELD GOALS

	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+	Long
Hall	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	42

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1998 VANDERBILT GAME!

Over the years Tennessee has enjoyed a football history as illustrious as any school in the nation - teams, coaches, players and games measured in terms of greatness.

The University's proud history lends a special distinction to the accomplishment of the 1998 Vols in ringing up 11 victories without a defeat. You go back 60 years to find a UT team with an 11-0 record.

Our players understandably were in a celebrating mood after our 41-0 victory over Vanderbilt. But I told them in the dressing room it may be years before the full force of their achievement sinks in.

As of Saturday night we had met two of our goals: an Eastern Division championship and an undefeated season. Now there are two more opportunities ahead of us: capturing a second-straight Southeastern Conference championship and winning our bowl game.

Before worrying about the future, I want to savor the victory over Vanderbilt, an honored old Tennessee opponent who has given us fits over the last three years. Our win reminds us again of the cardinal rule of football - to be successful, you must win the turnover battle. Four interceptions and two fumble recoveries (including one returned for a touchdown) were instrumental in the shutout over the Commodores.

I am tremendously proud of everyone associated with the Volunteers in bringing us to where we are today.

As a group, we football coaches are a pretty crusty bunch. We tend to be tough taskmasters, ordinarily not given to a lot of syrupy sentiment. But I think I speak for just about every member of our profession when I say our emotions sometimes overflow when we think about our seniors as they wind up their careers.

These are young men who have stuck with us through thick and thin, giving their all for their alma mater. Here at Tennessee, we are fortunate that there has been more thick than thin, especially for the class that is completing its football eligibility this year. There has never been a four-year period in Tennessee history with more victories than the 1995 to 1998 span (43-5).

Last Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, as we sent the seniors through the "Last Tackle" ceremony that marked their farewell to college football, I was struck by how much sacrifice this group has made in carrying the banner of the Tennessee Vols.

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>
> *— Phillip Fulmer*

They came into the 1998 season hearing the pundits predict a dropoff in UT football success. They didn't buy it, however. Instead, they set an example for the young players by working hard, staying alert and listening to their coaches.

Thanks largely to the seniors, we have completed the regular season undefeated and now look forward to the Southeastern Conference Championship Game in Atlanta. It is truly a special group, led by as fine a quartet of captains as I have known. I will be forever grateful for the mature leadership of linebacker Al Wilson, kicker Jeff Hall, offensive guard Mercedes Hamilton, and fullback Shawn Bryson. Each took his responsibilities to heart and carved his niche as a Tennessee Vol hero.

The other seniors deserve our gratitude also: wide receiver Jeremaine Copeland, defensive back Travis Brown, kick holder Benson Scott, defensive back Tim Sewell, defensive back Kevin Horne, defensive end Corey Terry, defensive back Auston Wortman, defensive back Steve Johnson, running back Myles Atherton, wide receiver Peerless Price, running back John Ewart, punter Bill Hurst, center Diron Robinson, defensive tackle Ron Green, defensive tackle Matt Goodin, offensive tackle Justin Emert, offensive tackle Jarvis Reado, defensive tackle Jeff Coleman and tight end Antron Peebles.

Their accomplishments over the past four years are a matter of record. As the man lucky enough to be their head coach, I want them to know that my door on the second floor of the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center will always be open.

—Phillip Fulmer

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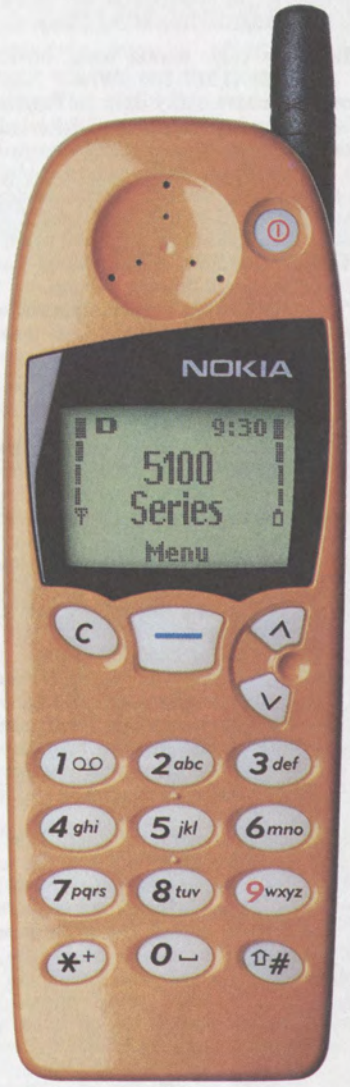

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Colonel Bill Britton

William H. (Bill) Britton played an important role in Tennessee's rise to the top of the college football heap under Robert R. Neyland.

Britton was Neyland's right hand man, top assistant and closest friend. The two men had been classmates and teammates at West Point and had even shared the award as the cadet corps' most outstanding athlete in their senior year of 1915-16. When Neyland was named Tennessee head coach in 1926 he put in immediate call to Britton, who left the real estate business in Florida to sign on with his old friend.

Neyland, Britton and another ex-West Pointer, Paul Parker, formed the entire full-time staff in the early Neyland years. Britton's prime responsibility was coaching the ends, and soon Tennessee was cranking out outstanding players at that position. Paul Hug, Fritz Brandt, Van Rayburn, Gene Rose, Bowden Wyatt, George Hunter, Ed Cifers and Bud Hubbell were among the top quality ends who learned their lessons at Britton's knee.

Bill Britton had the reputation of being a player's coach. Vol gridders with problems often brought them to him, rather than to the head coach, and he almost always found a way to work them out. A friendly, outgoing man who usually wore a smile, he was a good will ambassador for UT football as well as an important member of the sideline staff.

The UT Athletic Association, forerunner to today's athletic department, operated on a short budget in his time, and standard procedure was for one of the football assistants to serve as head basketball coach. Britton drew that straw and, although he had never played the game at the college level, he accepted the assignment cheerfully.

There were no basketball scholarships awarded at UT then, and Britton had to recruit some of the better athletes off the football team to fill the holes on his cage squad. Fellows like Gene McEver and Buddy Hackman came in handy, especially in rough games.

"I remember sending those two into a game down at Chattanooga," Britton once told a writer. "We were behind and just getting whipped something awful, physically. It didn't take McEver and Hackman very long to just about wipe the whole place out. After we got ahead I took them out because I didn't want anybody to get hurt. The way it turned out I should have left them in because Chattanooga came back and won the ball game!"

Britton's cage teams went 80-73 for nine seasons (1927-35). When Neyland returned to active army duty in Panama in '35, Britton had given up the basketball job to take over as the football team head coach. He left the best cage material he had ever assembled. Center Harry Anderson, forward Biggy Marshall and guard Gene Johnson were the stars of the Vol team that was to win the SEC championship under Blair Gullion the following season.

"Friends told me I was a darned fool to leave a basketball team that was going to be as good as that one," Britton recalled later." But I had no choice. I felt I owed it to the school to try and hold the football situation together."

It was Britton's misfortune to be the wrong man in the wrong place at the wrong time. The season of 1935 turned out to be the worst that Tennessee football experienced in eleven years.

Everything went wrong for the interim coach. The great stars of the powerful teams of the early '30s had moved on, and there were no adequate replacements. His fine junior tailback, Phil Dickens, missed more than half the games with various injuries. The bright young sophomore fullback out of Knoxville High School, Sam (Red) Sharpe, who scored a touchdown the first time he touched the ball as a varsity player, was lost to a knee injury after four games and never played again.

The Vols lost three of their first four games, including a 25-0 defeat to the hands of arch rival Alabama when senior end Paul (Bear) Bryant played his greatest game for the Tide. Britton had dressed the team in white jerseys with orange numerals that season, and for years afterwards UT fans were to associate that color scheme with hard times. The season ended with a 4-5 won-lost record on a tragic note in Lexington. In the finale, a 27-0 loss at Kentucky, junior center Herbie Tade suffered severe brain damage while trying to lead a goal line stand. His life was saved by quick action on part of UT physician Bob Brashear, but he spent the remaining three decades of his life as an invalid.

Britton was glad to turn the coaching reins back over to Neyland in 1936, staying on to play a key role in the vintage years of the unbeaten '38, '39 and '40 teams. Like Neyland, he returned to the army during World War II, rising to the rank of colonel. He returned to UT for one year of coaching after the war, then resigned to accept the post of recreation director at Oak Ridge in 1947. He spent his later years in his mountain home in North Carolina.

Former Vol

Sammy Burklow (1956-58)

Tennessee and Texas A&M were tied 0-0 in the fourth quarter of the 1957 Gator Bowl game at Jacksonville when the time came for Burklow to etch his name into the Vol record books.

The Vols were in the shadow of the A&M goal when coach Bowden Wyatt sent Burklow in to try a 17-yarder. "Son, go in there and kick it. It's just like an extra point."

Burklow did, and the first field goal of his career gave the Vols a 3-0 victory. It was only the second field goal in Vol bowl history, Wyatt's kick against Oklahoma in 1938 being the other. He lettered three years as a kicking specialist, as a kicker of the straight-on style.

Burklow hailed from Hazard, Ky., and Lettermen's T-Club records indicate he now lives in Fresno, Calif..

Sammy Burklow made a key field goal in the 1957 Gator Bowl to give the Vols a 3-0 victory over Bear Bryant's last Texas A&M team.

Kelson Inks Two Golfers

The Vol golf team signed two golfers this past week as Matthew Gallant (Lebanon, Tenn.) and Andrew Pratt (Bartlett) will join the Vol golf squad for the 1999 fall season. Gallant and Pratt are the first Vol signees under new head coach Jim Kelson.

Harriers Finish 21st at NCAAs

Tennessee completed its cross country season with a 21st-place finish (501 points) at the NCAA Championships in Lawsrence, Kan. SEC and defending national champs Arkansas won the event with 97 points.

The Vols were led by Doug Ellingon who finished in 30th position with a 31:11.30 time. He was the only Vol to finish in the top 50. Transfer Anthony Famiglietti came home in 75th-place witha time of 31:48.10.

Lady Vol Harriers Finish 31st at NCAAs

The Lady Vols finished 31st at the NCAA Cross Country Championships at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence, Kan. on Monday.

Villanova captured the women's team title followed by BYU and Stanford. Freshman Sharon Dickie was UT's top finisher in 74th-place with a time of 18:02.65 followed by junior Mindy Watkins in 153rd at 18:41.18. Angie Pothier finished 176th clocking in at 18:56.20 ahead of Kristen Ritter whose 19:09.10 was good for 196th. Dorothy Denko was UT's final scorer at 205th with a time of 19:12.98 while Meghan Mantlo (228th, 19:39.05) and Maureen Ferris (239th, 20.06.30) rounded out the scoring for the squad.

Six Volleyballers Named Academic All-SEC

Seniors Mary Heinecke (3.47/Accounting/Irvine, Calif.), Kim Obiala (3.12/History/Orland Park, Ill.), Christy Warren (3.74/Civil Engineering/Salem, Ore.), as well as juniors Lauren Clayton (3.87/Business, Knoxville), Chris Jestila (3.21/Marketing/Phoenix, Ariz.), along with sophomore Ariana Wilson (3.31/Psychology/Cincinnati, Ohio) of the University of Tennessee volleyball team were named to the 1998 SEC Women's Volleyball Academic Honor Roll by Southeastern Conference Commissioner Roy Kramer on Wednesday. A total of 44 student-athletes earned that recognition.

Arkansas Ends Volleyball's Season

No. 13 Arkansas (25-3) ended the Lady Vols season with a 3-0 victory in the second round of the SEC Tournament in Fayetteville, Ark. UT dropped to 19-10 with the 15-7, 15-6, 15-9 loss. Stephanie Knight led the UT attack with 10 kills while Ariana Wilson added 9. Erica Lear contributed 38 assists while the defense was led by Mary Heinecke's 17 digs and Chris Jestila's 11 digs.

The Big Orange topped Alabama 3-0 in opening round play. Tennessee rallied from 3-8 to take the opening set 15-10 then won in a squeaker 16-14 and finally won in the final set 15-11. Ariana Wilson led UT with 16 kills while Andrea Proctor had a career high 15. Lear had 46 assists and UT was led in the dig department by Lear, Heinecke and Proctor.

Prior to the SEC Tournament Tennessee and LSU finally took to the court almost two months after Hurricane Georges washed out the September 27th meeting. Playing in Fayetteville, Ark., UT defeated LSU 3-1 to improve to 18-9 on the year and 7-7 in the SEC while LSU fell to 15-15 and 5-10 in conference. Jestila led UT with 24 kills while Wilson added 19. Lear contributed 54 assists and Heinecke led in the dig department with 16.

Soccer Has Two Named to SEC Second Team

Freshman Allison Campbell and sophomore Laura Lauter of the University of Tennessee soccer team were named to the 1998 Southeastern Conference Second Team in voting conducted by the league's 12 head coaches. The trio of Florida, Kentucky and Vanderbilt led all teams with four selections each, followed by Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and UT with two apiece. A total of nine teams of the league's 12 were represented. Campbell and Lauter became the second pair of Lady Vols to receive All-SEC honors, as defender Kassie Kees and midfielder Kendyl Michner were selected last season.

A freshman forward from Livonia, Mich., Campbell has taken it upon herself to rewrite the school's record book. Starting all 19 matches, the rookie has established new standards for shots (84), points (46), goals (17) and assists (12). She has recorded four different games with multiple goals, including five scores in an 8-1 conquest of UNC Asheville.

In eight SEC contests, Campbell notched 11 points on four goals and three assists, including two goals against Mississippi State and one versus both Arkansas and Louisiana State. Nationally, Campbell is 12th in points per game (2.42) and is the second-highest freshman scorer, six points behind Mary Frances Monroe from Connecticut.

During her second season at UT, Lauter has improved the level of her play for head coach Charlie MacCabe's squad. After a stellar freshman campaign in which she finished second on the team in scoring with 20 points on eight goals and four assists, the forward has practically doubled her offensive output. The Farragut, Tenn., native has amassed 34 points on 12 goals and 10 assists, highlighted by a hat trick in UT's 3-2 overtime win at South Carolina.

In addition, she was tabbed as the league's Player of the Week on Sept. 29 after contributing a total of three goals in shutouts of Arkansas and Louisiana State. Lauter finished second in the conference scoring race with 21 points on eight goals and five assists, a remarkable increase from the three points she contributed last year.

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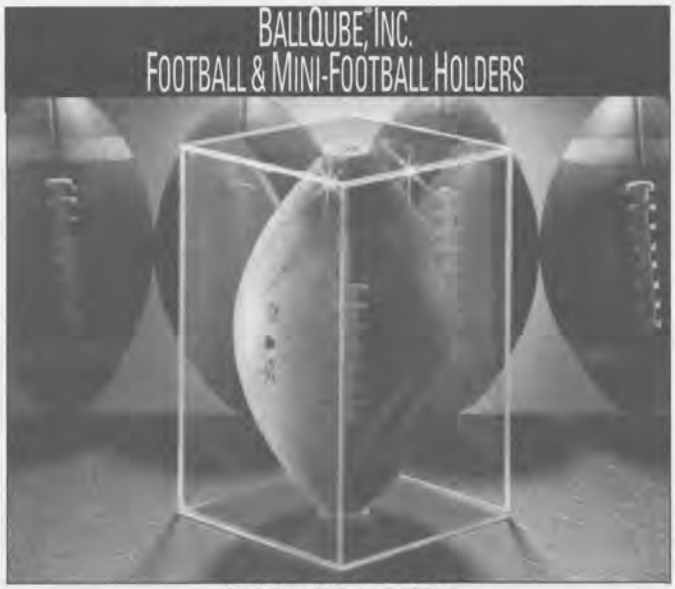

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This Week In Big Orange Country

Hall Named to SEC "Good Works Team"

Tennessee senior placekicker Jeff Hall was featured this past weekend as the Advance Auto Parts SEC Good Works Team on the weekend's Jefferson-Pilot Sports telecast of the Tennessee vs. Vanderbilt contest.

The Winchester, Tenn., native has participated more than 150 community service events during his collegiate career, including serving as president of UT's chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and visiting children's hospitals, speaking in anti-drug programs and youth clinics, Boy Scout chapters and high school football banquets.

At Tennessee athletes are required to participate in so many hours of community service per semester. But for Hall it is much more than a team requirement.

"It was a promise I made to God when I was in high school. Honestly, I sat down one night in my room and I just prayed to God that if I was ever in a position to come and speak that I would do it. So in one way it has been a commitment to God, but in another way I think as Christians that we do speak to youth groups and get involved with the community not because we want to be good Christians but because we are Christians.

"I have been through a lot of stuff since I have been in college and it hasn't always been peachy or football-related. It's been some very tough struggles and tough times spiritually and socially that I have had, and I just want kids to know that I know what they are going through. I know what it is like to be their age and what it is like to come to college coming out of a sheltered home and being in a totally new environment. "

The SEC sponsors Good Works Teams for football, men's and women's basketball and men's and women's Olympic Sports. Jefferson-Pilot Sports highlights one member of the football SEC Good Works Team during each of its weekly football telecasts.

Previous SEC Good Works Players of the Week

Sept. 12 - O.J. Fleming, TE, Vanderbilt; Sept. 19 - Gary Thigpen, CB, Ole Miss; Sept. 26 - Jim Pietrzak, OL, South Carolina; Oct. 3 - John David Phillips, QB, Alabama; Oct. 10 - Eric Allen, C, Mississippi State; Oct. 17 - Anthony Lucas, WR, Arkansas; Oct. 24 - Brett Millican, RB, Georgia; Oct. 31 - Markeith Spears, LB, LSU; Nov. 7 - Jeff Zurcher, SS, Kentucky; Nov. 14 - Terry Jackson, RB, Florida; Nov. 21 - Charles Dorsey, NT, Auburn; and Nov. 28 - Jeff Hall, PK, Tennessee.

—Donnell Field

Of all the honors that Jeff Hall has earned during his career, the SEC Good Works Team fits him as well as any.

Laura Lauter was chosen to the All-SEC Second Team as the Lady Vols finished 12-8 on the season.

Soccer Fails to Make 48-Team Field

The NCAA announced the 48-team field for the 1998 Women's Soccer Tournament on Sunday night, and despite the Southeastern Conference leading the way with six bids, Tennessee was not among the selected teams. As a result, the Lady Vols conclude their third season of competition with an overall record of 12-8 and a 5-3 mark in league action. These victory totals mark the best effort for head coach Charlie MacCabe's program.

Surprisingly, the entire Eastern Division besides UT earned tickets for the right to play for the national title. Third-ranked Florida (21-1), which captured its third consecutive SEC Tourney championship with a 2-0 shutout of No. 10 Vanderbilt, received the second seed in the entire field.

Western Division champion Alabama (13-6-1), which eliminated Tennessee in the first round of the conference playoffs by a 1-0 margin, visits Texas A&M (13-7) in its first-ever NCAA game.

Meanwhile, Vanderbilt (16-5) hosts UNC Greensboro in Nashville, while Kentucky (9-8-3) visits Minnesota.

Two division rivals which the Orange and White upended during the regular season also advanced to the 48-team bracket, as South Carolina (11-6-1) and Georgia (12-5-1) qualified for the NCAA field. Ironically, the Bulldogs did not even qualify for the eight-team SEC Tournament.

In total, Tennessee met 11 different squads that reached NCAAs, led by top-ranked and defending national champion North Carolina (20-0), No. 6 Portland and No. 15 Virginia notched first round byes, while Xavier and Radford won their respective conferences to receive automatic bids.

"We are disappointed that we did not have the opportunity to show what we could do in the NCAA Tournament," said MacCabe. "I'm guessing that one more quality win during the season would have been enough to get us in. In that respect, we have only ourselves to blame. For our conference to have six teams selected speaks volumes how far the SEC has come in such a short period of time.

"However, I'm nevertheless pleased with how our team performed during the season and if we continue to make the same progress that we made this year, then there will be NCAA Tournaments and national rankings in the future for our program."

—Lady Vol Media Relations

Four Honorary Members Inducted

This past weekend the Lettermen's Club held their annual fall meeting at Thompson-Boling Arena where the new board members were introduced and plans for the next year were discussed.

One of the main events of the day was the presentation of four new honorary members into the T-Club. This year's honorees are UT President Joe Johnson; Associate Athletic Director for Sports Information Haywood Harris; former Vol Network Broadcaster George Mooney; and retired Knoxville Police Officer Capt. James Rowan.

These honorary members were honored both at the luncheon and were announced during the Tennessee-Kentucky football game.

Those members that stayed to watch the Vols defeat Kentucky took part in a special halftime ceremony as those members formed a human tunnel for the Vols return to the second half of play.

Looking for Lettermen

The tradition of Tennessee athletics is long and storied, as are the numbers of athletes who have played here. What we are still lacking is a way to link the past with the present. There are literally hundreds of former Vols out there who are not a part of the Lettermen's Club, and those are the people we are looking for.

We want to show everyone that Tennessee people both past and present support our student-athletes in every endeavor. If you know of someone who was a lettermen here at the University and they are not a member of the Lettermen's Club, please encourage them to contact us and let us know where they are and how they can be a part of a great tradition.

Lettermen's Website

The Lettermen's website is now up and running on UT's official website at *www.utsports.com* and double click the Lettermen's Icon located in the right column. The site is still going through

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VASF & MARKETING NEWS

1999 Football Bowl Applications Are Coming Soon

The 1998 football season is winding to a close, but the Volunteers are far from calling the year finished. There is still a 1999 bowl game yet to play. The Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund and the Ticket offices want to be ready for the bowl parings when they are announced.

Due to the shortened turnaround time between the selection of teams to participate in bowls and the time tickets for the bowl game must be mailed from the Ticket office to those eligible, the Ticket office will be mailing bowl applications on Nov. 30 to all donors at the Trailblazer levels and above. Also included in the mailing will be the ones who are ranked among the first 1,000 donors using the VASF point system. Receipt of an application does not guarantee tickets.

This year's bowl application will reflect several different ticket prices from the different bowls for which Tennessee is in contention. Please hold ticket applications until the bowl selections are announced before completing them.

Due to the shortened turnaround time between the date applications are received and the date tickets are actually mailed (a mere four days), completed ticket applications must be received in the Ticket office by 4:30 Eastern on FRIDAY, DEC. 11, 1998.

To ensure fairness to all donors, applications received in the Ticket office after Dec. 11 will be marked as late and will be filled if any tickets remain after all on-time orders are filled.

UTNAA SEC Championship Game Reception

When the Volunteers play in the Georgia Dome on Dec. 5, the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association will once again sponsor the usual pre-game reception for all Volunteer fans, friends and alumni. While the full details were not available at press time, finalized information will be available the week of the championship game. Please contact Steve Catlett in the Office of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving at (423) 974-3011 for updated information.

SEC Championship Recreational Vehicle and Bus Parking Information

RV parking is located in the Green Lot on the north side of the Georgia Dome with security and greywater service provided. Bus parking will be in the Blue Lot on a first-come, first-served basis. RV reservations are accepted. All parking for these vehicles will be handled through the Georgia Dome parking office. Please contact Frank McGarvey at (404) 223-4109 for more details.

1999 VASF Donation Reminders are in the Mail

Watch your mail because the VASF will be sending 1999 renewals this week to all donors. Last year supporters of Tennessee student-athletes contributed more than $9.1 million for the betterment of Tennessee athletics. The goal for 1999 is to repeat the feat. This is a wonderful time to make your 1999 contributions and still receive 1998 tax credit as well. In order to allow adequate processing time, all 1999 early donations (checks, cash and credit cards) must be received in the VASF office by Dec. 14, 1998. Help to continue the continuous pursuit of academic and athletic excellence. Call the VASF office at (423) 974-1218 to charge your 1999 donation by phone.

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The 1999 Leadoff Banquet is approaching. Reserve your tickets today for the Feb. 1 event to be held at Thompson-Boling Arena. Former Los Angeles Dodgers centerfielder Brett Butler will be this year's keynote speaker. Tickets are $25 per person or $200 for a table seating eight. Corporate tables are $275 for seven guests and one Vol baseball player or coach. Corporate table-holders also receive a special pre-banquet reception with Butler. The food will be catered by Calhoun's of Knoxville. For more information or to reserve your space, call the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734.

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Volunteer fans and friends are encouraged to stop by the Tennessee athletic department's exhibition booth and receive a free adidas poster while supplies last.

Fan Fare will be open Friday, Dec. 4, from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Admission is $8 daily. For more information on the Dr. Pepper SEC Fan Fare, call the SEC office in Birmingham, Ala., at (205) 458-3000.

Upcoming Basketball Game Promotion

Volunteer fans, the basketball season is now upon us. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the Vols basketball game against the University of Pittsburgh Panthers at Thompson-Boling Arena on Dec. 6.

This game will be mini-basketball night at the Arena, sponsored by B-97.5 FM and Enix Jewelers. The first 1000 fans through the gates will receive a free miniature basketball.

There is only one more home basketball game remaining (Dec. 22 against UNC-Greensboro) for coach Jerry Green's charges before the start of the Conference schedule. Tickets are available at the ticket office until halftime of the game, or you may charge by phone at (423) 656-1200.

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The Vols returned to the comforts of Thompson-Boling Arena to take on UT-Chattanooga last Tuesday night as the Vols upped their record to 3-2 on the year with an 85-74 victory over the Mocs.

Sophomore guard Tony Harris led Tennessee in scoring with 18 points while dishing out a team-high seven assists. The Vols placed five players in double figures, including the resurgence of sophomore Charles Hathaway, 13 points and five blocks, who is looking more and more like the dominating center that Tennessee had hoped he would be. As for the five blocks, that was part of a school-record 13 blocked shots on the night which eclipsed the old mark of 10 against LSU in 1989.

"Charles is playing better and better and better," said head coach Jerry Green. "He's blocking shots, playing tough on defense and taking good shots. He can handle the muscle inside, and he's getting closer to where we want him."

Other players posting double figures were C.J. Black with 13 points and nine rebounds, Aaron Green with 14 points and three steals, and Isiah Victor who posted his second double-double of the year with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Mocs came in red-hot the first half as they hit on eight of nine from three point range and used some key offense rebounds in the first half to take a one-point lead to the locker room.

Tennessee looked to be in control with a nine point lead at the 4:54 mark after Hathaway canned ne of two free throws. The the Mocs began to make their run as they used the hot-shooting of guards Idris Harper, 21 points on the night, Isaac Conner and David Phillips from the perimeter. Phillips hit two key threes, the last of which gave the Mocs their one-point lead at the break.

"Chattanooga was unbelievable the first half," Green said. "The way they were hitting their threes. They also did a good job of rebounding when they missed. At the half I told the defense they wouldn't hit that well in the second half. That was because the defense played much better."

The second half Tennessee clamped down on defense and the Mocs' hot-shooting cooled, as they finished the game hitting only 26-of-68 (38.2%) while the Vols shot 56% in the second half and hit on 30-of-57 (52.6%) for the game.

Keying Tennessee's run that put the Mocs away was Green who hit three 3-pointers during a two minute stretch that gave the Vols a 17-point cushion at 72-55.

"At the time we stretched the lead to 17 points, I thought we were playing about as well as we have so far," said Green.

Prior to Green's barrage the Vols were holding an 11-point lead. But the threes sealed the deal as Tennessee hit its free throws down the stretch to keep the Mocs at bay.

Tennessee was set to return to action against Western Carolina at the Arena Monday night. That coverage will be in our next issue.

SIGNING NOTES: The University of Tennessee announced Nov. 17 the signing of five student-athletes to national letters of intent.

Carlton Aaron (6-8, Chesapeake, Va., 22 points and 19.8 rebounds last season), Jon Higgins (6-3, Shaker Heights, Ohio, 15.1 points, 3.8 assists and 3.9 rebounds), Ron Slay (6-8, Nashville, 22 points and 12 rebounds in 1997-98), Harris Walker (6-1, Chattanooga, playing this season at Hargrave Military Academy) and Terrence Woods (6-2, Memphis, averaged 20 points per contest last season) all signed with the Vols during the NCAA's early signing period.

"This group fills some needs from what we lose after this season.," Tennessee head coach Jerry Green said. "When you add Jenis Grindstaff (sitting out this season after transferring from Virginia Tech) into the mix, we will have six new players next year.

"I think this signing class has some ball-handling ability and it's got some shooting ability, and certainly we have some size.

"We feel Ron Slay has a chance to make an immediate impact for us next season."

— Donnell Field

Tennessee 85, UT-Chattanooga 74

Tennessee (85)

Yarbrough 2-4 2-2 6, Black 4-8 4-4 13, Hathaway 5-7 3-5 13, Wharton 1-6 2-2 4, A. Harris 6-9 2-2 18, Victor 4-9 2-6 10, Lee 2-3 0-0 5, Green 5-8 1-2 14, Baker 1-2 0-0 2, T. Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Austin 0-0 0-0 0.. Totals 30-57 15-23 85.

UT-Chattanooga (74)

Phillips 5-14 5-6 18, Donald 3-6 0-2 6, Morton 3-12 0-0 6, Harper 7-12 3-5 21, Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 2-13 0-0 4, Conner 5-7 2-2 15, Barker 1-2 1-2 4, Hart 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-68 11-17 74.

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Faces in Big Orange Country

Growing up just a short drive from Knoxville, **Jeremaine Copeland** has done a lot in his four years here at Tennessee.The All-Stater from Harriman High came to UT as a receiver and backup quarterback. Through 10 games this season Copeland has 22 catches for 350 yards and one score, while for a career he has 96 receptions for 1273 yards and 10 TDs. Besides playing quarterback and receiver, Copeland also has been called upon to return punts and kickoffs for the Vols. This season he has returned eight punts for 29 yards, and for his career he has returned 25 punts for 216 yards. Copeland came to UT as a Emfinger and *BlueChip Magazine* All-America, while also earning All-State honors as a basketball players where he averaged 27 points and seven rebounds per game.

The Lady Vol cross country team is having its best season since 1990, and a major reason for that success is freshman **Sharon Dickie**. The Grand Blanc, Mich., native has helped the UT harriers to four first-place team finishes and a pair of third-place outings at the SEC Championships and the NCAA South Regional. What's more, her performances have helped Tennessee to its first NCAA Championships appearance in eight years. The sister of former UT men's cross country and track standout Bob Dickie, the Lady Vol rookie has been the Big Orange's top finisher in three races and its number-two performer in two others. Her finishes at the SEC meet (7th) and the NCAA South Regional (12th) earned her All-SEC and All-Region honors.

He came to Tennessee as a *BlueChip Illustrated* Dream Team member as a senior in 1993. Since then **Jeff Coleman**, from Gaffney S.C., has been a stabilizing force on the Tennessee defensive front. He was considered the state's top prospect as a senior where he registered 156 tackles his senior year. At Tennessee, Coleman has steadily increased his career stats in tackles as he has 32 stops, 17 solos, one fumble recovery and two sacks this season. During his four-year career he has registered 73 tackles, 41 solos, 4.5 sacks, and two caused fumbles. A two-year starter on defense, Coleman first got his start during the South Carolina game in 1996 when he replaced All-America defensive end Leonard Little.

Senior All-American **Kathy Pesek** has started her final season with the Lady Vol diving team on the same note as she ended last year. The 1998 SEC and NCAA 10-meter platform champion has posted four first-place finishes in just three meets. The Houston, Texas, native set meet records last year at both the SEC and NCAA Championships with her performances. She continued her success over the summer, competing in the Goodwill Games and securing two gold medals at the 1998 U.S. Diving Summer National Championships. Pesek, a speech pathology major, was the CoSIDA/GTE Academic All-America of the Year for fall/winter sports last season and currently serves as the Tennessee representative to the SEC Athlete Advisory Committee.

The Last Word...
A Look back 35 Years

It may seem hard to believe, but the 1963 Vanderbilt game, 35 years ago Nov. 30, and the events which surrounded it were among the more significant moments in Vol football history.

The Vols won that cold November day by a 14-0 count as tailback Mallon Faircloth closed out a distinguished Vol career with 179 yards rushing, the best single-game mark to that time and one surpassed but 22 times since then. Faircloth, one of the Vols' most underrated players ever, led the 1961 and 1963 teams in rushing (123 for 475 yards in 1961 and 137 for 652 yards in 1963) and the 1962 and 1963 teams in punt and kickoff returns. He also led the 1962 team with five pass interceptions. He is seventh all-time on career carries with 400. He was quite a player. He is now a judge in Cordele, Ga.

Steve DeLong, now a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, was an anchor up front for the Vols and earned All-America honors in both 1963 and 1964, winning the Outland Trophy his senior season. DeLong led a Vol defense which shut out three of its last five opponents and won four of its last five games in 1963.

The game also marked the last hurrah for the single-wing, a staple of Vol football made famous during the Neyland years. The Vols would go to the "T" formation the next season and nothing would ever be the same again.

There were, in fact, winds of change swirling around the Vol program, not the least of which was the coaching situation. It all came to a head that weekend.

(You will remember from other articles that the late UT trustee Tom Elam met with Arkansas assistant coach Doug Dickey a week earlier in either Memphis or Union City, depending whose account you believe. But that's getting ahead of the story.)

"I knew Doug as a man of unusual intelligence, and you can't overestimate the value of brains," Woodruff said. "Doug could see things as a game rolled along that showed me he had the makings of a smart coach."

Frank Broyles was Dickey's boss at Arkansas and shared Woodruff's admiration for Dickey, and was not surprised when the call came for Dickey for to take

Mallon Faircloth closed out his Vol career with 179 yards in the 1963 Vanderbilt game 35 years ago this weekend.

up the cudgels at Knoxville. "Every time I saw Woodruff, he asked me about Doug's progress," he said. "I knew he regarded Dickey as potentially a fine head coach.

In Russ Bebb's *The Big Orange: A Story of Tennessee Football*, here's how it all came about:

"Woodruff's chance came during a meeting of the athletic board the night following the season-ending victory over Vanderbilt. Bitterly divided, with nearly as many solutions as there were board members, the council debated for hours without making headway. There was even a serious move to hire Murray Warmath from Minnesota, where he had been under fire almost since his arrival because of an almost uninterrupted string of mediocre productions."

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"Finally Roy Striegel, captain of the 1922 team and a man of extremely fine character, with no ax to grind but motivated by an intense love of the University, came up with a common sense suggestion.

"We have an athletic director, Bob Woodruff, who knows the game of football inside-out," Striegel said. "It should be his responsibility to give us some guidance on the selection of a head coach. Why don't we let him find one for us?"

It was like handing Picasso a paint brush, Babe Ruth a bat or Barney Fife his bullet.

"And in one of the wisest decisions in athletic board annals, the job of selecting a new head coach for the Volunteers was placed in the ample lap of George Robert Woodruff."

The rest is history. Dickey came by train to Knoxville (that's how long ago it was), met with the media and immediately set out to restore Tennessee football to its rightful place in the sun.

Dickey and 1963 coach Jim McDonald (who was named assistant athletic director and stayed until he retired in 1984) went out recruiting. They went to Cleveland and eventually signed a youngster named Bob Johnson and, after a trip across Blythe Ferry, went to Pikeville and did likewise with a youngster named John Boynton. They would lead the offensive line for three years and be a major factor in the drive to the 1967 SEC Championship. It was an impressive beginning. Dickey would say later that "every young coach needed a Jim McDonald to show the way."

One trustee, we know not who, was prophetic in assessing the situation when Dickey was hired:

"From the moment I laid eyes on Dickey, I knew we had scored a bulls-eye. I liked the man-in-the-gray flannel look of his. He had a way about him that inspired confidence. You could sit there in that board meeting, listen to what he had to say, and realize instantly he had the authority of command in him. I felt in my bones that Tennessee was on its way back -- back to where it had been under Neyland and in the early years of Wyatt."

From that moment on, Tennessee was back. The Vols finished 4-5-1 in 1964, but you could see better times ahead and there were. The Vols were 8-1-2 in 1965, 8-3 in 1966, 9-2 in 1967, 8-2-1 in 1968 and 9-2 in 1969. There were a spate of All-Americas and All-SEC selections and it was a memorable time.

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— Tom Mattingly

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